



# Sheboygan County 4-H Alumni Association



March 2022

## From the Vice-President

**D**ear 4-H Alumni Association Members,

We all have reasons for belonging to the 4-H Alumni Association. Most of us were 4-H members and others joined because of an enthusiastic 4-H child and/or spouse. Yet, those common experiences alone don't explain the success of our organization. The momentum that fuels us is giving back to make the best even better – to help kids have great 4-H experiences in a changing world.

Two examples of how we are striving to make the best better are our scholarship and the Bill Jens 4-H Alumni Grant programs. 4-H Alumni scholarships are possible because of your generosity. Thank you! Please encourage any former 4-H members who are pursuing post-secondary education to apply. Eligibility requirements as well as the application deadline are included in this newsletter.

The Bill Jens 4-H Alumni Grant program is through the generosity of Bill Jens, his family and friends. Bill was an enthusiastic chaperone on many 4-H trips. Like many others, I met Bill on such a trip (WI Club Congress). He was involved with 4-H throughout his life and through his estate, he is still helping kids have positive life changing experiences. Grants are available to help 4-Hers with financial need attend 4-H camp or go on trips. If you know of a 4-Her who would like to attend camp or go on a trip, but the cost is preventing it, check out the link on the Sheboygan County 4-H website: [https://sheboygan.extension.wisc.edu/files/2020/02/Bill-Jens-4-H-Alumni-Grant-Application\\_2.14.2020.pdf](https://sheboygan.extension.wisc.edu/files/2020/02/Bill-Jens-4-H-Alumni-Grant-Application_2.14.2020.pdf).

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## Alumni Board Members

**President:** Sue Laack  
**Vice-President:** Pam Hodgson  
**Secretary:** Linda Barthels  
**Treasurer:** Skeeter DeGross

**Directors:**  
Tanya Arentsen  
Judy Glander  
Lisa Lutzke  
Sarah Mauk  
Dan Sippel  
Frank Steiner

Until the next newsletter, keep making the best better!

Your Alumni Vice-President  
*Pam Hodgson*

# Bill Jens Grant

The Bill Jens family has gifted monies to be used for youth needing some financial support that want to attend State & National trips/events. The "Bill Jens 4-H Alumni Grant" Program will provide financial sponsorship for 4-H members whose families are experiencing a financial hardship. The Jens family has donated a large amount of funds as seed money for this new adventure that the alumni board has accepted in Bill's memory. Bill Jens was a key advisor for starting the Sheboygan County 4-H Endowment fund and the Sheboygan County 4-H Alumni Association.

The alumni board believes it would be a great honor to start this new program in his memory.

Now people can donate money in memory or honor of others to the alumni either for the scholarship fund or the grant fund. This gives the alumni association another great opportunity to help our young people with lifetime experiences.

Application can be found at:

<https://sheboygan.extension.wisc.edu/4-h-youth-development/4-h-alumni-association/>

## Sheboygan County 4-H Alumni Association Membership Dues Form

### Sheboygan County 4-H Alumni Association Membership Dues Form

#### 2022 Alumni Association Membership Form

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

2022 Annual membership dues: \$10.00 per member \_\_\_\_\_

Lifetime membership \$175.00 per member \_\_\_\_\_

Scholarship Donation \_\_\_\_\_

Bill Jens Alumni Grant Fund \_\_\_\_\_

**Total Amount Enclosed** \_\_\_\_\_

Make check payable to: **Sheboygan County 4-H Alumni Association**

Return to:  
Skeeter DeGroff, Treasurer  
W3894 Playbird Rd  
Sheboygan Falls WI 53085

## It's Easy to be on the 4-H Alumni Board

**P**lease consider running for the Sheboygan County 4-H Alumni Board.

Just five meetings a year: February; April; July; September and November.

There are 6 committee's you can choice from to be a part of:

1. Banquet: find location, decide menu, program; etc.
2. Alumni Award: review applications for the alumni award and present the award at the banquet.
3. Scholarship: review applications, select winners, and award the scholarships at the Awards Ceremony

4. Nominating: Outgoing board members solicit new candidates for the Board.

5. Fair Display: Decide what theme would be good to promote 4-H, the alumni, and/or the history of 4-H at the county fair.

6. Silent Auction: Make up a basket for the 4-H silent auction at the county fair.

Memberships is open to former 4-H members, past or present 4-H parents, 4-H leaders, or any person interested in supporting the 4-H program.

It is really a rewarding experience and you get to meet really great people who are interested in the 4-H program and all that surround 4-H.

## 4-H Memorial Wall of Honor

**T**he Sheboygan County 4-H Clubs have a Memorial Wall of Honor. The wall is a triangular shape made out of oak and is located in the 4-H Youth Building at the Sheboygan County Fair. It was created by the 4-H Leaders Association in 2002 in memory of Roland Nohl, whose name was synonymous with 4-H and its members. The purpose of the wall is to show recognition to all of those special people who felt 4-H was important and had a spot in their hearts where it was always in high esteem, and they were always trying to find ways to make it better.

To date there are 80 names on the wall. The individual names are added with a special note or date, saying or inscription as dictated by the person or persons who have decided whom

they want added. "We encourage people to donate to the wall and put their loved one's name on to support the 4-H program and honor the loved one who has passed away and know that 4-H was an important part of their lives."

If your club or family would like to put a loved one's name on the wall, just fill out the form located on the 4-H website with the information necessary with a minimum of \$100 that can be designated to any part of the 4-H program – example: Camp Riversite, scholarships, trips, awards, alumni, etc. It is a great way to remember love ones and their love of 4-H. It is never too late to honor someone. Former leaders, parents or anyone who has influenced 4-H or young people about 4-H.

## Sheboygan County 4-H Alumni Scholarship

**D**ue: April 1st

### Eligibility:

- A. Applicant must be a 4-H Alumni or currently a member of the Sheboygan County 4-H Program.
- B. Applicant must be graduated from high school at time of applying for scholarship and attending a college or technical school.
- C. Must been a 4-H member for a minimum of 5 years.
- D. Recipient will only be awarded one scholarship from the 4-H alumni Association.

### Requirements:

- A. Completed 2-part application
- B. Three dated letters of recommendation from current school year.
  - One from 4-H representative (not a parent or a 4-H agent)
  - One from any other source.
    - One from current college/technical school educator.
- C. Copy of most current unofficial transcript.

## Bill Jens 4-H Alumni Association Grant

**D**ue: April 1st

Alumni guidelines are: Depending on number of applications & application itself.

\* 4-H Camp: up to \$50

\* 4-H Conference – Madison: up to \$75

\* Trips/events under \$1000: up to \$150

\* Trips/events over \$1000: up to \$300

### Eligibility:

- A. Youth needing some financial support that want to attend out of county, state or national trips or events. (Example: American Spirit trip; CWF; 4-H camp; Drama Co.; etc.)
- B. Following information needed: Name of club or if a spin member; How long in 4-H; Any other funds provided: (example, club, Kohler grant, Leaders Association, etc.).

### Requirements:

- A. Event name & total cost.
- B. Due dates: when funds are needed & when event is happening.
- C. Leader or parent comments.

# Have You Paid Your Dues Yet?

**H**ere is a list of people that have! paid! Please send in form on the next page to renew your membership!

## 2022 Paid Members

- Linda Barthels
- Frank Bartzen
- Judi Bogenschutz
- Walter & Margaret Born
- Allen, Debbie, Jason & Nicole Fenner
- Becky Gartman
- Judy Glander
- Dave & Liz Haag
- Helen Harms
- Amy Hein
- Cheryl Jens
- John Jens
- David & Michelle Johanning
- Fritz & Jeannie Johanning
- Wayne & Kay Keyes
- Nancy Kissel
- Becky Klahn-Schwartz
- Joe & Kelly Koenig
- Lisa Lutzke
- Donna Menart
- Kent Olson
- Bev Resop
- Barb Scholten
- Rev. Dan Scholten
- Tim & Patty Talen
- Mary TerMaat
- Henry Umstadt Jr
- Luke & Liz Gartman
- Virginia Hall
- Nancy Henschel
- Pam Hodgson
- Joanne Howe
- Phil Jens
- Gary Kaestner
- Gene & Kathy Kaestner
- Scott Kaestner
- Marlene Kammann
- Anna Kleinhans
- Nathan Kleinhans
- Randy & Sue Kleinhans
- Kristine Lubenow
- Betty Martin
- Barb Meinnert
- Debra Meinnert
- Matthew Meinnert
- Stanley & Sharleen Meinnert
- Earl Opgenorth
- Kelly Rauch
- Melanie Roehrborn
- Edith Rohrbeck
- Staci Schluechtermann
- Daniel Sippel
- Frank Steiner
- Andrew Taylor
- Patty & Jim Taylor
- Walter Taylor
- Nicole Twohig
- Jamie Tyrrell
- Cindy VanderWeele
- Elizabeth Widder
- Heidi Widder

## Lifetime Members

- Tanya Arentsen
- Skeeter DeGroff
- Tim DeGroff
- Rosemarie Dickman
- Elaine Fiedler
- Kathy Froh



## 2021 Donations to the Alumni Association

<b>I</b> n memory of:	Given by:	
		<i>Allen Raeder</i> ..... Glenn Thompson
		<i>Elvera Bunge</i> ... Wallace, Margaret, John, Sue, Daniel, David Born & Dave & Liz Haag
<i>Karen Young</i> ..... Wallace & Margaret Born John & Sue Born, Dave & Liz Haag		<i>Mary Ann Grunewald</i> ..... Wallace, Margaret, John, Sue, Daniel, David Born, & Dave & Liz Haag
<i>John Jens</i> ..... Nancy Kissel		<i>Jackie Filipiak</i> ..... Wallace, Margaret, John, Sue, Daniel, David Born, & Dave & Liz Haag
<i>Betty Opgenorth</i> ..... Earl Opgenorth		
<i>Janice Thompson</i> .... Wallace, Margaret, John, Sue, Daniel, David Born, Dave & Liz Haag & Glenn Thompson		
<i>Norbert Meyer</i> ..... Sharlene Meyer		
<i>Peter Talen</i> ..... Tim & Patty Talen		
<i>Bill &amp; Caroline Jens</i> ..... John Jens		
<i>Mrs. Roland Thomas</i> ..... Glenn Thompson		

### **D**onors to Scholarship Fund:

Frank Bartzten, Barb Meinnert & Donna Menart

### **D**onors to Jens Grant Fund:

Cheryl Jens, Nancy Kissel & Donna Menart



## Alumni Association Awards Celebration/4-H Awards and Recognition Program

**T**he Alumni Association Awards Celebration is now a part of the 4-H Awards and Recognition Program.

The 4-H Awards and Recognition Program is held the last Monday of November and Hosted by Acuity Corporate Headquarters.



**November 28, 2022**

*In Honor of:*

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

*my donation to the*

*Sheboygan County 4-H Alumni Association  
for the:  scholarship fund  Bill Jens grant fund*

*With sincere greetings from:*

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

*In Honor of:*

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

*my donation to the*

*Sheboygan County 4-H Alumni Association  
for the:  scholarship fund  Bill Jens grant fund*

*With sincere greetings from:*

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

*In Loving Memory of:*

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

*my donation to the*

*Sheboygan County 4-H Alumni Association  
for the:  scholarship fund  Bill Jens grant fund*

*With sympathy from:*

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

*In Loving Memory of:*

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

*my donation to the*

*Sheboygan County 4-H Alumni Association  
for the:  scholarship fund  Bill Jens grant fund*

*With sympathy from:*

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
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